HURST

John Hurst. - wife Mary - use of plat,
bt of wm Price - five sons, Jas, John, wm, Phillips
& Walter - Phillip & Walter to be bound out at 14.
dau Alice, dau Mary - to son John
one gold ring given by — Hurst wife Ex.
Joe. Wright, Robt Brown, John Anthonyree?,
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Mrs. L. L. Chapman
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Dear Mrs. Chapman:-

I am seeking information regarding the Hurst family which lived in Isle of Wight County, Va. at an early day, and their descendants.

Tobias or Toby Hurst came to Virginia on the ship "Treasurer in 1618. age 22. and is said to have settled ~~at~~ in Elizabeth City. He was witness to a land grant in Isle of Wight County ~~in~~ Aug. 21, 1637. When the will of Robert Watson was presented in court Oct. 9, 1652, Mrs. Ann Watson relict, said that he gave to the wife of Toby Harst, a cow calf (Isle of Wight Book A.) Toby Hurst was exempted from paying levies and from public service, by an act of the Virginia assembly 1641. His inventory was recorded in Lancaster County in 1656. (I have a copy of this inventory.)

——— Hurst was a school teacher in Lower or Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County in 1724.

John Hurst's will was recorded in Isle of Wight County 1727.

Mary Hurst, relict of John Hurst married Nathaniel Jones 1739.

I think it is probable that the above named John Hurst, and Thomas Hurst whose will is recorded in Northumberland County in 1721, and Henry Hurst who is mentioned in Northumberland County in May 17, 1656 may have been sons of Tobias Hurst.

I want any other data regarding Tobias Hurst, especially Where did he come from? What was his wifes name? Who were his children.

I want any data at all regarding the above John Hurst of Isle of Wight County. Want the name of his wife and children. Also want a copy of his will recorded in 1727 or an abstract of the contents.

Rev. S. H. Hursh, former pastor of Benn, came from some of the mountain counties of Va. I do not know where he is living at the present time. He is no longer a preacher.

This Hursh Family is not now found in Warren Co. Va; and I have no knowledge of any having lived there; but the name is found in Loudoun Co. Va; around the town of Purcellville, and perhaps Leesburg. Of course, Warren Co. was formed from a part of Shenandoah Co., so these people lived in that part.

They are dark skinned people, and I am inclined to think were of the German migration from Penn. Some of ~~these~~ German, were the fair skinned type, others the dark. I have a faint recollection of teaching children of that name in Loudoun Co., but such a long time ago! Sorry I can't help on this — — Eliza —

Lawrence Dameron of Wicomico Parish in Northumberland County on May 17, 1656, appointed his "trusty and well beloved friend, Henry Hurst to collect some debts for him." This is the only reference I have ever found of this Henry Hurst. I want to know more about him.

My ancestor William Hurst's will is recorded in Shenandoah Co. Va. in 1781. He married Judith Caffey (Calfee). In 1741 he bought 400 acres of land from Wm. Russel in Shenandoah Co. Va. This land is on the River in what is now Warren County. His children were John; William married Lucy ——; Elizabeth, married —— Morgan; Judith, married Benjamin Smith; Hannah married John Roy; Nancy, married Charles Dyer.

According to tradition (I have no proof) William was a son of Henry Hurst. and Henry had other sons named John and James.

I want to learn the names of William Hursts parents and connect the lines with the other Virginia Hursts if possible. Also any data regarding his brothers John and James.

I have good records of the descendants of John Hurst, son of William, but want data on the descendants of William's other children.

I think that they probably lived in or near Wythe Co.

I also want to learn where the family of William Hurst lived before he bought the land in Shenandoah County in 1741. This is the earliest record I have of this line.

Your name was furnished to me by Mr. Wilmer L. Hall State Librarian of the Virginia State Library, as being familiar with the records in Isle of Wight County.

If you can help me with any of my problems, you can ~~send m~~ let me know what your charges for the service will be.

Yours very truly.

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